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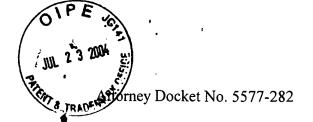
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Confirmation No.: 9591

Application No.: 10/790,588

Filed: March 1, 2004

For: Methods, Systems, and Computer Program Products for Detecting the Presence of an

Installation on a Data Processing System Based on the Relative Storage Locations of

One or More Files

Date: July 21, 2004

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As set forth in 37 CFR § 1.10(c) and MPEP § 506.02, Applicant hereby petitions to grant the proper filing date of March 1, 2004 rather than March 2, 2004 for the above-identified patent application as this was the date the application was deposited as "Express Mail" in the U.S. Postal Service. The following is enclosed as evidence of March 1, 2004 being the correct filing date for the application which was properly filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10:

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On the basis that Applicant properly followed the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.10 and the USPTO failed to accord the proper filing date under MPEP § 505 and thus the need to file this petition is due to error on the part of the USPTO, it is applicant's belief that no fee is due with this petition. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 09-0461.

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